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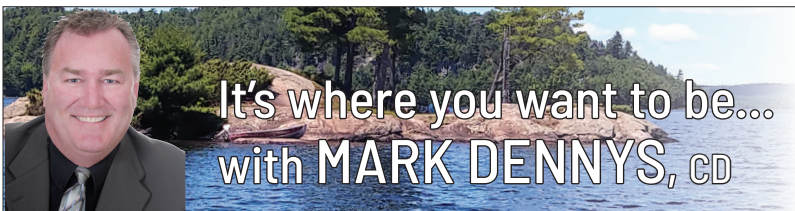
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Continued vigilance key in pandemic: education director

JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board meeting on Nov. 10.

Staff at area schools are being encouraged not to let their guard down as the school year progresses, continuing to observe strict protocols to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Wes Hahn, director of education for Trillium Lakelands District School Board, told trustees at their meeting on Nov. 10 that the number one statement from public health officials was "don't let your guard down."

"It's human nature as we move forward to want to move into that normalcy and become

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Haliburton goes dark

Hundreds of thousands of Hydro One customers in Ontario were without power on Sunday, Nov. 15 as a result of a storm with strong wind gusts of close to 100 kilometres in some areas. Downtown Haliburton went dark as well, shown in this long exposure photo of Highland Street, which was lit only by passing vehicular lights downtown. Numerous communities in Haliburton County were without power such as Minden, West Guilford and Haliburton. Although tens of thousands had power restored on Monday, there were still thousands of customers without power. /DARREN LUM Staff

Dysart chews on organic waste management

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al is looking for options to better manage waste in the municipality.

At a Nov. 10 committee-of-

the-whole meeting, environmental manager John Watson presented a report to council about food waste organics composting, detailing what is currently happening in the municipality, his research findings from other jurisdictions in Ontario, provincial legislation and pol-

icy around food waste organics composting, and potential options for Dysart to consider, in response to a request for such information by Councillor John Smith at a Sept. 8 meeting.

In 2015, about 60 per cent of the 3.7 million tonnes of food and organic waste Ontarians

generated was sent to landfill, according to Watson's report.

"When these valuable materials end up in a landfill, they contribute to climate change," reads the report. "As food and organic waste breaks down in an

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Haliburton remembers

Left, the Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton branch Colour Party marches from the cenotaph, following the Remembrance Day ceremony at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 in Haliburton. The ceremony was restricted to Legion members and dignitaries due to COVID-19 protocols and as a result was smaller in scope than other years. However, the ceremony did attract some onlookers who wore masks and observed social distancing recommendations. At the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, a 10-minute morning ceremony was held over the public address speakers. /DARREN LUM Staff



Attendees to Haliburton’s Remembrance Day ceremony donned masks and kept their distance from others.



Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums bagpiper Brian Sachs marches with the Colour Party to the cenotaph.



Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton branch member Brian Hambly places his poppy on a wreath during this year’s Remembrance Day ceremony held for members and dignitaries.

One new confirmed case of COVID-19 in Haliburton County was reported Monday, bringing the total local case count to 23, with 22 of those cases being resolved. Currently, no high-risk contacts in Haliburton County are listed on the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit website. In Kawartha Lakes, three cases of COVID-19 are not resolved, while in Northumberland, six cases of COVID-19 are not resolved. In total, there have been 274 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the health unit’s region. /Screenshot from HKPRDHU website

New Cases Reported Today		
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Haliburton	KawarthaLakes	Northumberland

Total Confirmed Cases to Date			
23	191	60	274
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Haliburton	1	22	0	0	1	0	0
Kawartha Lakes	3	169	21	0	11	19	13
Northumberland	6	53	13	0	3	1	0

COVID-19 Contacts, Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths, HKPRDHU							
All Counties	Cases Not Resolved	Cases Resolved	Current High-Risk Contacts	Current Probable Cases	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Deaths among Confirmed Cases	Deaths among Probable Cases
HKPRDHU	10	244	34	0	15	20	13

Only essential staff permitted in schools as COVID-19 precaution

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more relaxed in an environment that is still ... at risk from, you know, potentially getting the virus. We are always trying to be on our guard," he said.

As the winter approaches, more attention will need to be paid to the cleaning and storage of winter clothing, he said.

"It's a piece that we're not concerned about, we know our administrators can handle that, but keeping to our environment of cleaning of high-touch surfaces and avoid congregating and mixing of cohorts while we're doing all of that is something we're continuously thinking about because you can imagine with all the clothing and boots and everything coming in, it would be easy to relax back into a regular day, a regular setting, a regular routine of how to do that, but we are going to maintain our protocols of how that is stored and not get into lockers ... so we can stay as safe as possible."

Hahn said that requests are still regularly made from community partners to visit the schools, but the policy remains that only essential staff are permitted.

"We are going to continue to look at that, because we don't want to withhold services from any of our kids or supports for our teachers, but again I can't say it enough: we're taking it very slowly and being very careful about how we do that," he said.

Schools to close on snow days

In order to keep student cohorts separate and to ensure secondary students don't fall behind when buses aren't running, TLDSB will be closing schools during snow days.

Typically, when there's bad weather, those students and staff who are able to make it to the school would go forward with classes.

In elementary school, often students from different classes would be mixed together because some teachers may not have been able to make it in. This practice wouldn't be advisable during the pandemic, as students are being kept to their own cohort.

In high schools, students are learning in "octoblocks," taking one class at a time for a set number of days before moving on to the next block. If their classes continued for only those who could safely make it in, some students would be missing a huge portion of course material.

"Knowing the ... small number of days that secondary students have, if they miss learning for a day or two then it becomes a real issue," Hahn said.

On days when the buses aren't running, the school will be closed and students will be expected to learn from home online.

"We will get a majority of our students learning on a snow day, which is a little bit different than we've had in the past," he said.

Equity plan in the works

An equity task force made up of staff and community members will be formed in the next couple of weeks for TLDSB, working toward creating an equity plan.

Hahn highlighted issues related to poverty, racial diversity, the LGBTQ community, access to technology and infrastructure.

The intention is for the task force to "look at our board and areas of our board that we can improve upon and areas of the board that we can grow and support for learning for both students and staff," Hahn said. "... This isn't something that just turns around in a couple months, this isn't something that turns around in a year. This is a plan that continues to grow year after year."



Much of county without power Sunday

Sunday's storm left Haliburton in the dark, as seen in this long exposure photo of Highland Street, which was lit only by the passing of an ambulance close to the intersection of Highland Street and Maple Avenue./ DARREN LUM Staff

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HE council asked for more septic re-inspection options

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Nov. 10 meeting of Highlands East council.

During a delegation, Cedar Lake Cottagers Association president Ron Parkinson asked the municipality to amend its bylaw to remove the need for level 1 inspections for property owners who have had their level 4 septic inspections done by certified inspectors as level 1 is less comprehensive.

Parkinson, who has been a cottager on Cedar Lake for 42 years, is leading the charge in Highlands East and said he wants options.

"Keep doing what you're doing on the level 1, but, you know what, if I go and do a level 4 and submit that, you don't need to come and see me and it's the best for everybody because I know my septic tank is really done," he said.

He said with level 1 testing, the tank isn't being opened so it doesn't provide a visual representation of the condition-related leaking. He referenced certified septic inspection company HomePro which discovered more than 40 examples of tank leakage in neighbouring Dysart.

"You would never find that even with a level 3. That's proof for me that out of sight, out of mind, but, you know what, it's an ugly thing, but you need to do it because it's part of our business," he said, referencing home ownership.

An inspection might reveal the need for minor repairs that cost a lot, but there

could be overwhelming costs for major repairs if left unchecked.

Parkinson is firmly behind the cause, holding an open house where he had his septic system inspected under the level 4 criteria earlier this year. He invited neighbours on his lake, local cottage associations, Highlands East council members and the media to attend.

Level 4 testing ensures the health of the environment, enjoyment of lakes and that property values are maintained, he said.

Parkinson said many other residents like him on the lake agree, but stopped short of saying every single one of the 26 cottage owners does.

"It's only an option. If I said it was mandatory then I would have to make sure I get complete support. So I have a lot of wide support from cottage associations and them saying, 'We should be able to do that.' And it's demonstrated in Dysart, which I keep referring to, where Kennisis Lake and Redstone Lake are using it and their cottagers are saying, 'We're paying the difference. We want to do a level 4.' How can you object to that?"

He said organizations such as the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association and Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations, both of which he is a long-time member, are advocates of ensuring lake health and provide members with resources to ensure the proper maintenance of septic systems.

He referenced the recent discovery of suspected blue-green algae blooms in lakes in Muskoka and in Haliburton County, which can be connected to a poorly functioning septic system. It's part of his learning process and was a motivator for him to come to council.

"I'm learning as I'm going and what I'm learning is, you know what, for me to pay a couple hundred dollars when I'm getting my tank pumped out anyhow and finding out what the damage is and if it isn't and then [be told to] keep doing what you're doing [if it's good]. That's a comfort level, a piece of mind if you will," he said.

Parkinson hopes council sees the benefit of his proposal.

Council did not comment at the meeting, but had already stated in correspondence with HomePro that they need to amend their bylaw and could not do that without a delegation.

"We will discuss and be back," Mayor Dave Burton said.

Level 1 inspections have been performed by the township at no cost to property owners since 2017.

Cardiff pool work approved for \$377,472

Town council approved work for repairs to the equipment and mechanical room, and the replacement of the change rooms and washrooms at the Cardiff pool.

The work will entail construction of an accessible bathroom and change room and includes adding a commercial grade pool liner, upgrading filtration, pool heater, the mechanical room ceiling, stairs and the concrete floor. Work is expected to start spring of 2021.

Councillor Cam McKenzie said he recognizes this project is a large sum of money, but sees great value for the community that goes beyond the dollars and cents.

"It's difficult to put a value on a facility

that has taught hundreds of kids to swim over the past few years. What's the value of getting youth out of their homes, away from computer screens, video games and enjoy the sunshine, fresh air and exercise? How about the seniors, who enjoy designated adult swim time? Once again fresh air, sunshine and exercise," he said.

He adds there is also a social benefit to everyone and that this facility is not only used by Cardiff residents, but residents in the surrounding area.

Councillors asked about lowering costs by delaying certain parts of the work, but it was agreed that the current price is likely to rise, as access to materials could become challenging due to the pandemic.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge was concerned there were only tenders from one company for each segment of the project. However, she agreed with McKenzie on authorizing the work.

"If we're going to do it, let's do it and we'll do it properly and we'll do it all," she said.

Deer Creek Bridge is complete

The emergency work to repair the Deer Creek Bridge's footing foundation performed by Planmac Engineering for \$127,000 plus HST is complete, a report by CAO Shannon Hunter states. The work was required after the footings became a safety concern after being eroded as the result of the creek flow and loss of soil and rock, mostly at the southeast end and to a lesser extent the northwest corner of the bridge. The costs will be covered from the township's reserves.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Hiking at Barnum

MANY OF MY Saturdays of late have been spent on the trail, crunching through fallen maple leaves, trundling up ridges, and breathing in the fresh breeze that flows across the open field. I've returned again and again, delighted to have a healthy pastime outside of my own home that often includes spotting neighbours I haven't seen since the pandemic set in.

These cherished hours are thanks to the donation of 500 acres of land to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust by Margaret and Leopoldina Dobrzensky, providing access to the public in October of this year. Named for the water course that runs through the property, the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve features marshland, mature forest, open grassland, and plenty of gently rolling hills.

Three well-signed trails provide options for visitors: the heritage hike, a five kilometre loop; ridge trail, which is exactly what it sounds like; and waterfall way, which is close to the trailhead and provides a quick and picturesque jaunt.

According to the land trust materials, the reserve is particularly important to protect in part because of the flora and fauna it fosters with its diverse landscape. The fields provide space for species at risk such as the five-lined skink, whip-poor-will, and eastern hog-nosed snake, while the creek attracts the kind of animals we enjoy seeing in the Highlands: fox,

wolves, beaver, deer and moose.

A bonus of the reserve, especially for those of us who live in Dysart et al, is its location. From Haliburton it takes about five minutes to drive there, by bicycle, you can take the Rail Trail and be there in 15. This is a big deal for this part of the county; while Algonquin Highlands has an excellent trail system established, Highlands East has several well-used trails, and Minden Hills offers options including Snowdon Park and the Dahl Forest, around Haliburton there was very little.



jenn watt

Editorial

And so I have been making my way to Barnum week after week, marvelling at the brilliant green canopy of leaves in October, quickly replaced by a forest floor blanketed in orange. I've soaked my running shoes while hiking after the rain and made videos of the gurgling creek. And I've crossed paths with many, many others doing the same.

What the Dobrzensky family did in donating this land will have a positive impact on this region for a very long time to come. Through the stewardship of the land trust, the awe-inspiring beauty of the Haliburton Highlands has become more accessible. Visitors to the reserve can get fresh air and exercise, calm their minds and learn about the natural world around them. And the land will be protected in perpetuity.

What a legacy to leave for the community and for our environment.



Visions of summer past in fall

by Darren Lum

Happy (AH) Part 2

IN MY LAST article I asked how you are doing and talked about the practice of noticing the goodness that is around you every day. I'm really interested in the little and big things that are sustaining you right now. The actions that are helping you stay positive, connected, inspired and hopeful while also being safe. I am collecting these stories so that everyone can benefit from each other.

Every one of you has a story to tell and I love the idea of hearing from all parts of the community. I have no idea what is going on in schools these days since Jim and Madeline aren't at them anymore, but I know there are always good things happening. I'd love to hear from students or teachers. I'm not living or working in Extencicare or Highland Wood but I would love to hear from residents and staff. Neighbours are doing all kinds of kind things for each other. I want to hear from everyone of all ages across the county. Nature lovers, artists, business people, health-care workers, patients, students, teachers, friends, family members, grandparents, athletes, volunteers, neighbours.

Perhaps someone has helped you or done something kind for you that is making a difference. Maybe you have started a new hobby that has surprised you. Maybe you are spending more time around a campfire than in your own living room. I imagine some of you are reading or knitting or singing your way through COVID-19. All stories matter and inspire.

So here is the plan. Stories can be

50 to 500 words in length, written or recorded. They can name people, or not. I have a page on the *Haliburton County Echo* website (www.haliburtonecho.ca) with ideas to get you started with your story. Write your story, or record and send it to me at Happy Stories, Lynda Shadbolt, Box 1238 Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0 or email it to me at haliburtonyoga@gmail.com. You can also text recorded stories to me at 705-854-0196. Spelling or grammar does not need to be perfect! I am interested in the essence of what you are paying attention to. A selection of stories will be posted on the *Echo* website so anyone can go there to be uplifted.

From the winter solstice, to the spring solstice I will include parts or whole stories in this space as part of my article. I will help to spread your good stories which will hopefully lift everyone's spirits. Together we will

stay connected and inspired while being safe. I look forward to hearing from you!

P.S. I never thought I would write articles for the *Echo*. I never saw myself as a writer. Jenn Watt asked me to write in 2010 (initially about the benefits of yoga) and I have been writing ever since. If you read my articles, you will know that sometimes there are errors. I am not perfect and I don't expect perfection. I just want to hear what is in your heart! If I can do it, so can you! Go right now, grab your pen. Make a list of good things! Something on that list will make a good story. Peace and love to you all. And I can't wait to hear your stories.

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Discomfort by candlelight

LIKE MANY of you, Jenn and I spent a good part of Sunday night sitting in the darkness of our living room, wondering when the brutal winds and accompanying blackouts would end.

At times like this, important thoughts go through a man's head. Unfortunately, when they make it to the other side, sometimes other people hear them.

For instance, on that night, I muttered a sentiment that I'm certain every red-blooded man has revealed when alone in the dark with the woman he loves.

I said, "We have no internet or TV, but I have a very good suggestion on how to spend our time..."

"What would that be?" she asked suspiciously.

I sidled up to her and whispered softly in her ear.

"For the hundredth time, I have no interest in arm wrestling you," she replied.

"Chicken," I answered, with accompanying gestures.

A few minutes of silence followed before I quietly observed, "So I guess this is what a romantic evening in a post-apocalyptic, zombie-infested world probably looks like, huh?"

It turns out this was a mistake, however, for Jenn answered with, "Romantic? This is your idea of romantic?"

The honest answer, of course, was yes. For, unless all those Harlequin books my sister possessed had steered me wrong, our current predicament had all the hallmarks of a romance novel cover, including an ample, almost embarrassing, amount of cleavage.

But Jenn soon fixed that by demanding that I button up my shirt.

Luckily, there were other hallmarks too.

First, it was pitch black outside and, as every man knows, darkness is the one key component of romance. For, if it is really dark and you speak in a slightly different cartoonish voice, you can deny you said all those corny, mushy things later, if need be.

Also, when the wind is howling as it was that night, it camouflages a host of romance-killing sounds – for instance, her assertion that I didn't need another fishing rod. Or other bodily functions.

Then, there is the fact that a blackout invariably requires candles. And candles allow a man to showcase his most important ability – fire building. Admittedly, it is a small fire, but a fire nonetheless.

This simple manly act has impressed women for countless centuries, because if a man can build a fire, she knows he can also get out of bed and tend to it in the middle of the night when the house is freezing. Plus, he can cut, pile and split the wood – which are all things most women are way too smart to do.

This is probably the sole reason that romance is not completely dead yet.

Of course, there is an art to lighting a candle to create a romantic setting. Essentially, it is a delicate and sensual act that should not be rushed. In fact, I like to fail with at least 17 matches before I succeed, but only to build frustration and longing.

And so I did.

Yet, a mere 51 matches and three lit candles later, I had created the kind of warm and soothing environment that women seem to take comfort in.

This was evident by the fact that Jenn suddenly became far more receptive to my suggestions as to how to make the most of our time in the darkness.

As a result, I will remember that evening forever.

Of course, I'm not one to tell tales about what goes on between a man and his woman in the middle of a long and boring blackout. But I will say this much: you probably never want to arm wrestle her.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past appeared in the Haliburton County News back on January 10, 1946. That edition of the newspaper notes that Agnes Jamieson, Haliburton County's busy doctor takes time out to make her pet dog, Muff, go through some of his repertoire of tricks. The headline that went along with this photo was "Dr. Agnes Jamieson has aided 500 stork visits."

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We are asking that if you have any project ideas or topics under consideration for the winter academic term that you forward them on to us by the beginning of December so they can be developed and ready for Trent and Fleming faculty to consider for their winter and spring courses. The earlier, the better so that we can take the time to develop a proposal that best suits your needs and start the necessary discussions with our faculty and student contacts.

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Canoe FM radiothon winner gives back

During the Canoe FM Radiothon held on July 3, 4 and 5, a draw was held for a chance to win a three-minute shopping spree at Haliburton Foodland valued at \$800, courtesy of Brad Park. The winners of the shopping spree were Shirley and Terry Davis of Haliburton. Shirley and Terry have made the decision to donate the prize back to the community by giving \$800 worth of Haliburton Foodland Gift Certificates to the 4Cs Food Bank. Canoe FM would like to sincerely thank Brad Park of Haliburton Foodland for this incredible donation and Shirley and Terry Davis for their community gesture. Pictured: Terry and Shirley Davis hand the gift certificates to Judy McDuff from the 4Cs Food Bank. /Submitted

Council presented with food waste options

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oxygen-deprived environment, it creates methane, a potent greenhouse gas."

In 2019, Watson's report reads, Dysart et al managed 2,223 metric tonnes of garbage from 7,083 single-family and multi-family households.

"It is a generally accepted practice that approximately 30 to 50 per cent of garbage is food waste organics. This means in 2019, approximately 667 to 1,111 metric tonnes of residential food waste organics was managed by Dysart (as garbage)."

Last year, Dysart et al began offering backyard composters and digesters for sale at the Haliburton landfill for backyard use at a cost – \$39 for a composter and \$83 for a digester – comparable to other nearby municipalities, although some municipalities subsidize the cost of the composters to make them more affordable for all households.

"Backyard composters use aerobic decomposition (with air) and can decompose fruits and vegetables, tea bags and coffee grounds, and small amounts of leaf and yard waste, into humus," reads the report. "Digesters use anaerobic decomposition (lack of air) and decompose cooked food, baked goods, dairy products, meat and bones, and other food waste. No humus is produced."

Dysart also supports research around behaviour and attitudes about composting being conducted for Abbey Gardens by a Trent University student, and has partnered with U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research on an application to the Federal Climate Change Action and Awareness Fund to support food waste reduction, backyard composting promo-

tion and education, and climate change environmental education. Haliburton County's climate change mitigation plan includes recommendations to continue to support and promote backyard composting, and explore a potential for organics diversion for yard waste and food waste at landfill and community sites.

In researching programs in neighbouring communities, Watson found local municipalities are responsible for garbage disposal while the county takes responsibility for recycling and food waste organics in the County of Peterborough, which has 15 transfer stations, five which accept food waste organics.

"Food waste organics are currently hauled to the City of Peterborough's compost facility and if this small-scale facility reaches its annual capacity, the organics are then hauled to Astoria Organic Matters in Belleville which can process 70,000 metric tonnes of organics," reads Watson's report. "The County is currently acquiring an organics consultant to assess geography, waste management services, financials, etc. to determine what curbside collection system could best be implemented for food waste organics. The County suspects the consultant will recommend purchasing processing capacity at the City of Peterborough's new composting facility, expected to open in fall 2023."

Simcoe County began a food waste organics program in 2008, in which food waste is collected curbside in green bins from all households, and is transported to a facility in Elmira that can process 200,000 metric tonnes of organics anaerobically, producing electricity and heat.

"However, Simcoe County has plans to

open its own composting facility within its own borders," said Watson. "In 2014, the County began a site selection process which follows the provincial environmental assessment process. As of 2020, the County is still in the planning approvals phase. While the composting technology has not been decided as of yet, Simcoe County's plan is to process 30,000 metric tonnes of organics per year. The County is estimating \$25 million to \$31 million for capital costs."

In Muskoka, a weekly curbside food waste organics program in eligible urban areas began in 2008, as well as a curbside leaf and yard waste collection program which occurs four times throughout the year. "Food waste organics are composted at the municipally owned Beiers Landfill/Transfer Station in Gravenhurst, Ontario, using open windrows (piles of material which are turned regularly to add air)," said Watson. "The initial capital costs for this facility (an asphalt pad and equipment) were \$950,000. Muskoka is planning some minor repairs to the compost facility in 2021 with a budget of \$50,000. Muskoka can process up to 1,344 tonnes per year. It is noted Muskoka is currently considering long-term options for organics processing given the changing technology and potential to capture biogas and coordinate processing with their water/wastewater operations. In 2019, Muskoka's total operating costs for food waste organics was approximately \$880,000 (the majority of these costs being for curbside collection)."

Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre began a food waste organics program in 2002, operating a composting facility at its centre.

"The composting facility uses in-vessel composting for food waste, and windrow composting for leaf and yard waste," said Watson. "At the facility, food waste is placed into large compartments (in-vessel) that are aerated to help decompose materials. OVWRC's in-vessel system is at capacity and requires fairly significant ongoing maintenance. Each year, OVWRC processes about 4,500 tonnes per year of green cart material and 1,200 tonnes of leaf and yard waste."

Approximately 2,000 households in North Algona Wilberforce Township participate in the OVWRC program.

Watson noted that determining how to best manage separated organics would require "many capital, operating and program considerations to research and approve," and would take time – at least one year of review is required by the province for an environmental compliance approval for the Haliburton landfill.

Watson said there's a lot to consider, with the possibility of enhancing promotion and education or subsidizing the price of composters and digesters should the municipality opt for the status quo, or, if planning a new program instead, questions would include would it be mandatory or voluntary participation, what kind of feedstock would be included, would the municipality haul to an external facility, build a facility or build a shared facility?

"Without a doubt, composting food waste organics is a lead driver of waste diversion," said Watson in concluding his report. "However, there are many con-

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Organic waste 'a pressing concern' for community: councillor

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siderations that need to be explored before deciding on an appropriate course of action."

Mayor Andrea Roberts thanked Watson for his "incredibly detailed" report before opening the floor to questions and comments from councillors.

Councillor John Smith echoed Roberts's praise for the in-depth report. He said he had heard from residents that they were concerned about the possibility of composters and digesters attracting bears, which is not something he had encountered in his own use, and wondered about increasing awareness of the equipment, perhaps through a tax bill insert.

Watson said enhanced education and promotion would be key, as well as the benefit of a digester, which helps to mitigate bears even more than composters.

"This is a pressing concern to many in our community, they look at the food waste in our landfill site and it really upsets people who are concerned about climate change, and look at the impact of that being in our garbage in terms of the production of methane and gas, as opposed to the alternative of turning that organic waste into a useful product, there could actually be good for our community," said Smith. He asked if a regular checkpoint could be established in which Watson returned to council to report on the progress being made in terms of addressing the issue. Watson said staff could do that if council wished for a consistent check-in.

Councillor Walt McKechnie asked Watson if he had been in touch with anyone regarding garbage incineration.

"I just don't understand why no one talks about it," said McKechnie. "The garbage problem isn't going away. It just totally blows my mind."

He said that Europe had been incinerating garbage for decades.

"What are we thinking here, in Canada? Nobody talks about it except some old broken-down hockey player in Haliburton. I mean, what is going on?"

Watson said incineration has been around for quite some time, and there is public concern about the air quality from incineration. He said Europe has been able to mitigate those impacts. Two incinerators are in use in Greater Toronto Area, he said, one which has a scoreboard outside to show in real-time the emissions that are being trapped, but it is extremely expensive to build such a facility, as well as a lengthy approval process to do so, and a certain amount of garbage required to make it economically worthwhile and a potential need for a connection to natural gas.

"In addition, you actually do want to have the food waste organics out of the garbage because those are wet items and that doesn't really lend itself to incineration," said Watson.

"I don't care what it costs," said McKechnie. "Our process right now, we're getting rid of our garbage, isn't working. You're talking about polluting the air. What about these diesel trucks running up and down the 401 non-stop? ... I just don't understand ... this is an important, important issue, and nobody talks about it."

Roberts said that Watson's point about needing to extract organic waste from garbage even if it was going to an incineration plant is of note, and said she was interested in the Peterborough model, offering a transfer station with a compost bay, and also in Smith's idea of enhancing education through a tax bill insert.

The report was received by council as information, with further direction that staff report back regularly on progress to exploring alternative solutions.

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Lakefront property owners asked to watch for blue–green algae

JENN WATT

Editor

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations is asking lakefront property owners to check their lakes for blue-green algae after several blooms were found in the county.

The blooms have been confirmed as blue-green algae, plant-like organisms which can render water dangerous to drink or swim in, and CHA chair Paul MacInnes said he wants residents to be on the lookout.

“Given the number of recent suspected blue-green algal blooms in the county, we encourage all lakefront property owners to act out of an abundance of caution,” he said in an email on Nov. 10.

He advised residents to take the following steps: be on the lookout for potential blooms in the lake; if you see one, report it; tell your lake association and your neighbours; do not let anyone, including pets drink water from the lake if a suspected bloom is present.

The following information is from the CHA. More can

be found at <https://www.cohpoa.org/lake-health-3/algae-and-algal-blooms>

What is it? Info from MOECP

- Blue-green algae are microscopic, plant-like organisms that occur naturally in ponds, rivers, lakes and streams.

- Although often blue-green, they can also be olive-green or red.

How to recognize it

- Blue-green algae are not normally visible in the water, but populations can rapidly increase to form a large mass or scum called a bloom when conditions are favourable.

- Blooms most commonly occur in late summer and early fall. They thrive in areas where the water is shallow, slow moving and warm, but they may be present in deeper, cooler water.

- Dense blue-green algae blooms may make the water look bluish-green, or like green pea soup or turquoise paint. Very dense blooms may form solid-looking clumps.

- Fresh blooms often smell like newly mown grass, while older blooms may smell like rotting garbage.



An example of a blue-green algae bloom. If you suspect there is blue-green algae in your lake, contact your lake association and the municipality and do not drink or use the water. Pets should likewise not drink or swim in the water. / Photo submitted

Advocacy from residents doesn't change Dysart's septic inspection direction

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Dysart is looking for a third party to deliver a septic re-inspection program, accepting bids for the RFP until Nov. 25. But residents, including representatives of lake associations, want council to revisit a decision that includes removing mandatory pump-outs, from the program.

The municipality received more than 25 letters this year about the proposed changes to the septic re-inspection program already in place, with most requesting an inspection that included lids off and a mandatory pump out.

Earlier this year, council decided it would make changes to the format of the municipality's septic re-inspection program, voting to eliminate the mandatory pump-out, hire a single source third party contractor, and notify owners of inspection dates, as well as draft a septic re-inspection bylaw incorporating those proposed revisions for consideration through the environment committee. Councillor John Smith voted no, being opposed to downgrading to Level 3 inspections.

While it's a provincial requirement that municipalities have such a program in place, the format of the program is up to each individual local government. Adopted in late 2017 and including what is known as a Level 4 inspection, Dysart's program had required property owners to perform a pump-out of their septic systems before a lid-off inspection is performed. Its program was the only one in the county to contain that requirement.

Area 1 in the "Level 4" septic re-inspection program included properties on Kennis Lake and Little Kennis Lake. That trial ended December 2019.

As a report from chief building officer Karl Korpela indicated at the time, as of the end of 2019, 964 properties in a section of the municipality designated as "Area 1" under the program had been through the process. Korpela's report read that 112 property owners had failed to have the mandatory pump-out completed or submit a third-party inspection report, another requirement of the program.

"Although this represents only 12 per cent of properties beyond issuing 112 orders to comply dealing with even a quarter of these infractions is not possible with our current staffing," his report read.

It was Korpela's recommendation to remove the mandatory pump-out from the process and the plan had been for the municipality to begin conducting Level 3 inspections this year. Level 3 inspections which require a lid-off inspection but not a mandatory pump-out have worked successfully in the Township of Algonquin Highlands and are also being implemented in Minden Hills. Council voted in favour of the recommended revisions with Smith opposed and a revised bylaw for the inspection program was to go to the municipality's environment and climate change committee for review before coming back to the council table.

A report from Korpela received by council in May recommended holding off with the continuation of the program until 2021 in light of the restrictions that had been put in place by the provincial government amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Development of the new program

and preparation of the RFP was put on hold but council wanted to clean up the remainder of the Kennis Lake properties under the existing program in 2020, Korpela told the *Echo*.

At the Oct. 27 Dysart council meeting, a delegation by Debra Wratschko, president, Kennis Lake Cottage Owners' Association and Jim Prince, vice-president, Kennis Lake Cottage Owners' Association, titled *For the Sake of Our Lakes, Let's Do it Right the First Time*, commended the municipality's "robust and comprehensive" septic inspection program, with Level 4 inspection, and said they are "concerned that Dysart council is now proposing to change the bylaw to reduce the effectiveness of the inspections without appropriate consultation with experts and stakeholders and without detailed review of the pilot program results."

The KLCOA, said Wratschko, had advocated along with the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations for about 10 years for this type of program, raising awareness through education and workshop campaigns connecting lake health with septic inspection. She said the lake association had "a few concerns about the new direction of the septic inspection program," which included that there had not been an analysis and formal report presented for the results of Area 1 inspections (Kennis Lakes), that an RFP is being prepared based on a proposed new septic re-inspection bylaw that has not been presented even in a draft format at this point, and that Dysart is considering downgrading the current Level 4 inspection to a Level 3 without having been presented with all of the options and without consultation from experts.

Prince said one inspector had provided data to the Dysart environment committee, noting that 43 systems of 284 inspected "would not have been identified as damaged or malfunctioning without the pump-out, potentially leaking raw sewage into our lakes." Prince said he thought that was an important message for those on council, that had been heard through the pilot program.

"Another thing I think we should all realize is that other than property taxes, this is very likely the largest financial contribution Dysart has ever asked the community to make," said Prince. He said the Kennis community invested more than \$400,000, which he said was a conservative estimate, into the septic re-inspection program, saying that was a "huge show of support" and benefitted local inspectors, pumpers, and repair workers.

"This amount of community investment certainly warrants a follow-up and that's what we're asking for today," said Prince.

He said KLCOA was asking for a Level 3 and Level 4 inspection option in the RFP, "so that there is flexibility when it comes time to awarding the work."

The lake association's delegation said the community's "economic and environmental future is dependent on our water quality," which can be controlled "through proper septic system operation and maintenance and the preservation of natural shorelines."

KLCOA recommended that council "consider having a detailed report prepared for the Area 1 inspection results that can be used to guide any changes in the Dysart septic inspection program," with analysis on what worked or didn't work and of inspections that revealed failed or damaged systems that would not have identified with-

out a Level 4 inspection, and "consider retaining the Level 4 inspection in the bylaw until after hearing expert advice, reviewing a thorough Area 1 report, engaging in community consultation and then determine if the RFP, reflecting the current bylaw will address the objective of protecting our water quality."

Both Prince and Wratschko said they found only after a pump-out that their systems were ineffective.

Later in the meeting, prior to the discussion of the proposed RFP, Mayor Andrea Roberts noted that the public letters received had been included in the council's agenda package for public document, and that council had passed the resolution regarding program changes earlier in the year prior to the file being put on hold.

In his report to council that day, Korpela reported "During the March 4th, 2020 environment committee meeting, a draft septic re-inspection RFP was presented for review. It was discussed that the RFP would be a logical first step in the process as the re-inspection bylaw would need to encompass the particulars of the successful contractors' processes and fees."

"The RFP is going to contain particulars and fees that we want to incorporate into the actual bylaw, so depending on what the winning contract brings, the particulars of their proposal, we want to make sure that they're incorporated into the bylaw so that we're not missing anything," he told council in response to Roberts asking him to remind the public why council was adopting the RFP prior to the bylaw. "That's why the RFP should come first before the bylaw."

Councillor John Smith asked if the change the delegation had requested, structuring the RFP with two sets of prices for Level 3 and Level 4, could be made.

"I don't see a benefit in that right now," said Korpela. "Everybody's going to have their own idea of how this should be run, and administered, we've chosen a path and this is inconsistent with that path."

Roberts reminded council that the resolution had been passed regarding eliminating the mandatory pump-out, and that council was discussing the RFP.

"While some people don't agree, that's OK but I think we have to move forward with this, we have to put the RFP out," said Roberts. "That's what we're talking about today. Two years from now, somebody else sitting at this chair could make a different decision."

Smith asked for a recorded vote.

"It remains shocking to me how little regard we have for the people in the community who elected us, encouraged us to make decisions that protect our environment, protect the quality of our lakes, do all the things that were talked about this morning, have been talked about multiple times, and the experts that have shared their knowledge, been kind enough to get engaged, and let us know what they think is the right way to get this job done," he said. "We've been held up as an example of a community that has a great septic re-inspection bylaw and here we are with frankly no demand from the community, we're downgrading the quality of that work and that's an absolute shame."

In a recorded vote, council directed staff to move forward with the RFP as proposed, with Smith voting no.

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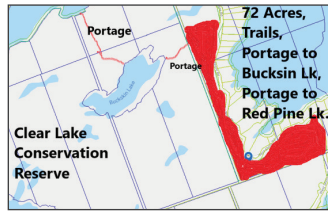
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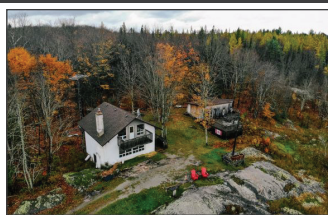
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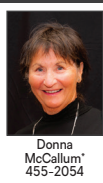
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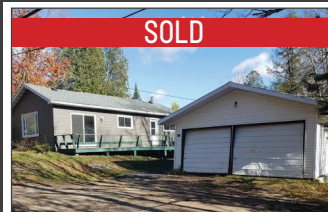
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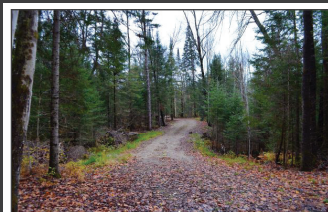
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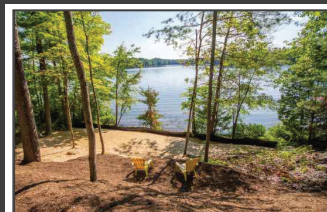
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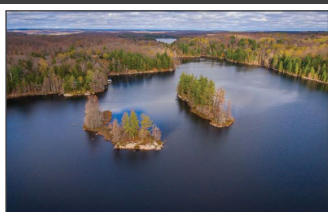
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Deadline looms for new bursary for Wilberforce students

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Students from the Wilberforce area are being encouraged to apply for a new

Wilberforce FUNraising Group Bursary Award worth \$500.

The new bursary is made possible by an anonymous donor, said bursary coordinator and member of the Wilberforce FUNraising Group, Kathy Rogers.

"We searched out new ideas. We con-

tacted the [Gooderham Community Action Group] as they had a bursary program for their community in place and asked if we could copy their idea for our community and they granted us permission and helped us get it set up," she wrote in an email. "We now are establishing a \$500 bursary award for one student from the Wilberforce area to further their education. We anticipated doing this earlier in the year but the pandemic has delayed many things as well as this one."

The team of five at the fundraising group works to bolster community spirit.

Although the donation was only enough for this year's bursary offering, they hope to continue to offer the bursary in following years. The funding for future recipients will come from fundraising efforts such as their maple syrup festival, penny raffle and the sale of community calendars. The group also welcomes donations from the public.

Rogers said getting to offer this bursary to students can only help provide a brighter future.

"As we are a small village we want to

encourage our youth to broaden their knowledge and help them cover the high costs of further education," she said.

The bursary application asks for the intended program of study, the name of the college, university or apprenticeship program, career goals, and academic information such as credits completed and final marks, participation in extra-curricular activities, and community service activities. It also asks for a written submission or video presentation or graphic presentation about the reason why the applicant is applying for the bursary and what career goals they have to be attached to the application. Preference will be given to students entering their first year of post-secondary education. The Wilberforce FUNraising Group will review the applications.

"We are not only looking for academic marks but for creative, community minded people," the group's information sheet reads.

The deadline for application is Dec. 1. Call Joan Barton at 705-448-3074 or email joan4196@gmail.com.

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- 35. Brew
- 36. Winged horse
- 41. A usually malignant tumor
- 45. Alfred __, American actor
- 46. Austrian river

- 47. A reminder of past events
- 50. Connected with
- 54. Status
- 55. Dean residence
- 56. Egyptian city
- 57. Boxing's GOAT
- 59. Straits along the Red Sea
- 60. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
- 61. Get some color
- 62. Facilitates hearing
- 63. Commercials
- 64. A team's best pitcher
- 65. Patti Hearst's captors

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Speak up
- 2. More informative
- 3. Where passengers sit
- 4. Gathered
- 5. Supervises flying
- 6. Home of the Blue Jays
- 7. Public statement of regret
- 8. Lockjaw
- 9. Indian city
- 13. Patriots' Newton
- 14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)

- 17. Sun up in New York
- 18. Eggs in female fish
- 20. Stood up
- 22. NBA legend Willis
- 27. Calendar month (abbr.)
- 28. Exercise regimen
- 29. The 8th month (abbr.)
- 31. __ Paulo, city
- 32. Tall deciduous tree
- 33. Affirmative
- 37. Notified of danger
- 38. NFL game days
- 39. Archaic term for "to"
- 40. Plant pores
- 41. Canned fish
- 42. Phil __, former CIA
- 43. Connects with
- 44. Of the skull
- 47. Time zone (abbr.)
- 48. When you hope to get there
- 49. Hindu goddess
- 51. Land
- 52. Pitching stat
- 53. Field force unit
- 58. Lakers' crosstown rivals

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON
LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent has been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT a public meeting will be held electronically regarding the proposed applications on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. to consider the applications.

AND FURTHER THAT this meeting will be held through remote electronic participation via Zoom, no persons will be permitted in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building. The public meeting can be viewed online at the County of Haliburton YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/0RZbefAJwHE>

AND FURTHER THAT these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- 1. File No. H-009/20
Applicant: GRANT and McCAREY-McINERNEY
Location: Pt. Lt. 11, Con 7, Geographic Township of Minden now in the Township of Minden Hills
Purpose of Application: Lot Addition
- 2. File No. H-019/20
Applicant: HARBURN HOLDINGS
Location: Pt. Lt. 10, Con 9, Geographic Township of Dysart now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
Purpose of Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the County of Haliburton Administrative Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 11 day of November, 2020.

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Proposed student housing project moves forward

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Nov. 10 committee-of-the-whole meeting of Dysart council.

A proposed student housing residence in Glebe Park that will accommodate Fleming College students is moving further forward after council addressed some outstanding items at a Nov. 10 meeting, including site plan control.

"The college has been busy working on studies required to move this project forward," said Jeff Iles, director of planning and land information, in his report to council.

"Staff have requested that the college provide a proposal for the project, including the size, location and use of the building," said Iles. "Upon receipt of the proposal, staff will review internally and provide pre-consultation comments. The proposed location of the building will help council determine the lands of Glebe Park to be conveyed to the college."

"Things seem to be moving forward on both sides," he told council.

The student residence project was introduced to the public at an Oct. 27 council meeting, at which representatives of Fleming College made a delegation. The project had previously been discussed in closed meetings. Council passed a resolution then supporting in principle a change of property line in Glebe Park to accommodate the student housing residence.

At the Nov. 10 meeting, councillors voted for site plan control for the proposed development.

According to Iles, "development used for public service by a public authority is exempt from the site plan control process," and council can impose site plan control as a condition of a zoning amendment or minor variance.

"It is public lands and while we might be exempt it's going to be in a very prominent area and an area that's near and dear to people's hearts," said Mayor Andrea Roberts, opening the floor to a discussion by councillors. "It doesn't mean we're going to agree or disagree with what the college is doing but it does give us a certain



A report to council on Nov. 10 introduced a key map for a proposed student housing resident in Glebe Park. /Student Housing Nov. 10 report to council

involvement with that."

Councillor John Smith agreed the property is sensitive to members of the community.

"The site plan control process would give us a chance to ensure there's good communication both ways, both by council to the residents and property owners, and a chance for those residents and property owners to communicate their feelings to us," he said, noting that an open process receptive to community input was important.

Roberts said it would put the municipality in a partnership with the college and the public land.

Additionally, council passed a resolution permitting the college to act as an agent on behalf of the municipality for the purpose of submitting applications related to the development.

"It is definitely a great idea to have them have the authority to act on behalf of municipality, it's going to be their project ultimately," said Roberts.

The college had asked for a memorandum of understanding during a delegation to council on Oct. 27, which council agreed to, though some of that discussion will take place in closed session.

Landfill attendants contract extended

Watson General Contracting, which has provided landfill attendant services to landfill sites in Dysart et al since 2009, was approved for a one-year extension with a price increase of 2.0 per cent, or an hourly rate of \$20.96.

The company provided staffing at Haliburton landfill, Kennis Lake landfill, West Bay landfill and West Guilford landfill in 2020, as well as occasional coverage for landfill attendants employed by the municipality during training, vacation and sick days.

Watson General Contracting had proposed a two-year extension of its agreement, with a price increase of 2.5 per cent in 2021, and an additional increase of 2.5 per cent in 2022.

John Watson, environmental manager, who is not related to the company, said a one-year extension provides workers as the municipality finalizes its waste management strategy and considers implementing recommendations from the municipality's service delivery review.

During summer hours, he said, additional landfill attendants would be required at West Bay and Kennis Lake sites.

"Having at least two attendants at each landfill would provide more robust health and safety practices, and facilitate enhanced customer service to residents," he said in his report to council.



Making a wish at the sculpture forest

"Some see a weed; I see a wish" is the latest sculpture to make its home at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. It was created by the students of the integrated arts program at Innisdale Secondary School in Barrie. Although they weren't able to attend, their teachers Jannica Hwang, Chris Taylor and Tracey Aylesworth, including metal works teacher Craig Banks attended. The 14-foot-high dandelion, which is powder coated steel sculpture with a bowling ball to form the centre of the flower head was inspired by Deb Shackell (standing at back in white), a teacher from Collingwood. She had seen the previous students' work at the Cancer Treatment Centre at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie and spearheaded an effort to enlist the skills of the Barrie students and raise the necessary funds for a new one so it could be added to the Sculpture Forest. The dandelion for Shackell became a symbol of healing and of spreading hope, particularly when she was being treated for non-Hodgkin lymphoma. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Journey of 1000 Miles starts with one step

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Winterdance Dogsled Tours' Hank DeBruin and Tanya McCready don't believe in failure. There are only setbacks.

Ever since they quit their jobs 20 years ago, the couple have followed their passion for the outdoors and love of dogs to the Highlands. They've overcome challenges, establishing a successful tourism operation drawing people from around the world to experience a highlight of winter in the Highlands.

This spirit comes through with their newest book, *Journey of 1000 Miles*.

It begins where their first book *The Iditarod Dreamer* leaves off, when Hank was experiencing the pain of disappointment after not being able to finish the 2010 Iditarod for himself, his team of dogs and community of supporters who helped him get to the start line.

The book delves into the mental journey Hank went through to find the strength to move forward successfully in racing, but also in work and life. Questions like "Am I enough?" McCready said. "That's ultimately what it comes down to."

It also provides a comprehensive description of the preparation necessary to race the 2011 Yukon Quest. McCready said writing this book, which took a year to complete, was a challenge since it had been so long since the Yukon Quest race. Anyone who has met DeBruin knows he is a man of few words, reserving his energy for action and, unless a person is close, he keeps emotions close to the vest. A book for the world to read, revealing his inner psyche is a big ask.

McCready said DeBruin's willingness to show his vulnerability was important. He believed, she said, that if

his story could provide inspiration for others to overcome their own challenges it would be worth it.

DeBruin found not only redemption in completing the 2011 Yukon Quest, but gained knowledge and perspective about life not only from his triumph, but from the support required from his race crew, including McCready, his four children, and the community.

Though it may seem that DeBruin is extraordinary for his ability to complete multiple 1,000-mile races in blizzards and -60C temperatures, he deflects credit, saying anyone with the right mindset can do it.

"Anyone who has the dream to do that can if they are willing to put in the work and time to learn, train and gain the skills needed, and has a 150 per cent commitment to accomplishing it," he said via email. "But it is also a metaphor for chasing a dream that anyone has." McCready added: "Hank says he doesn't feel special because this is just our life and what we do every day. We work with dogs seven days a week and travelling with them is the ultimate joy. He says there is nothing special about him, it is the dogs and what they are and what they do that is the magic."

Free webinars with the couple are currently being offered in the lead up to the electronic version of the book's release in a few weeks, called *Stories and Lessons from the Yukon Quest Trail to Help You Come Out Stronger on the Other Side of the Pandemic*.

Although the dogsled tour company experienced an early finish to their season in March, they are enjoying record-setting bookings up to this point in the year for the coming operating season, which has been primarily visitors from within Ontario due to travel restriction. McCready said they are optimistic about the bookings, but in case there is another shutdown with rising COVID-19 numbers, they are also focusing on building their online presence. They are aiming to draw more corporate clients with webinars, teaching the lessons they learned competing in epic dogsled races. There is a correlation between aspects of leadership and teamwork of a dogsled team, made up of different personalities, and what it takes to lead a team of people in business.

"Tanya always reminds me that my mindset affects

the dogs more than I often realize," DeBruin says in the book's fourth chapter. "She says she can be 1,000 miles away and look at my spot tracker (if I have one) during a race, and watching the speed the team is moving at, taking into account conditions and terrain, and know exactly what my mindset is. The dogs, like any team, be it your family, co-workers, employees a sports team, feed off the energy of their leader."

This book is more than a descriptive tale of overcoming adversity. It is about where your passion can take you if you take that first step, whether you took two steps back to get there.

In chapter four, *The Magic Carpet Ride*, DeBruin says, "One of my favourite scenes in my life is standing on our front porch on a winter's night, looking in the front door and seeing the welcoming warmth of a roaring fire in the fireplace, kids, Spot and the cats ripping around and Tanya in the middle of it all. Growing up with 10 siblings, life was always a beehive of activity and while four children is a lot less than 11, between the business, the kids and all our animals, life is certainly never dull or quiet and neither Tanya or I would have it any other way. We love the crazy, busy, beautiful messiness of it all."

Journey of 1000 Miles will be available as an e-book with colour photos on Amazon in three or four weeks and then be available in print with black and white photos in February. Buy the book locally at Master's Book Store in Haliburton, or through the mail from Amazon. See the Winterdance website www.winterdance.com for more information.

Webinars are on Tuesday, Nov. 17 and Monday, Nov. 23. Space is limited so pre-register. To join see the Winterdance Dogsled Tours' Facebook page www.facebook.com/winterdancedogsledtours.

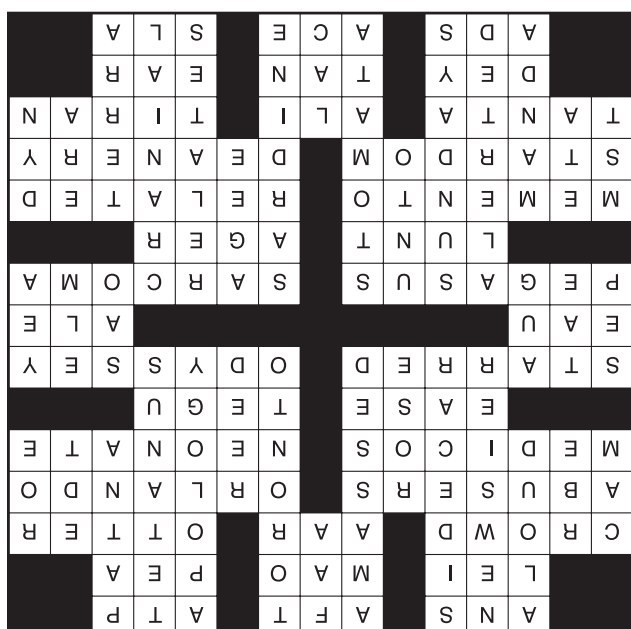


County of Haliburton Special Meeting of Council Notice

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that they will convene in a **Special Meeting of Council** at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 25, 2020 for the purpose of discussing the Service Delivery Review Final Report. This meeting will be held virtually via web conference. The published agenda for the above noted date can be viewed online at <http://haliburton.civicweb.net>. Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining via live-stream using the following link: <https://youtu.be/dR61fEFpswQ>

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NOTICE (Applicant -LOGAN-GRAAB)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF CONTAU LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting, on **Tuesday the 8th day of December, 2020**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 11, Concession 5, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by GREG BISHOP SURVEYING AND CONSULTING LTD., dated October 10, 2017.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or email the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his/her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Shoreline Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 10th day of November, 2020.

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FIRSTLY

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SECONDLY

Part of Lot 16, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by SIMON KASPRZAK LAND SURVEYING, dated August 18, 2018.

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Non-profits pivot to take on pandemic challenges

AMANDA DUNCOMBE-LEE

Special to the Echo

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit non-profit organizations in Ontario hard, with many agencies facing barriers to fundraising, decreased donations and human resource challenges at a time when the need for their services have never been greater. The results of a survey by the Ontario Non-profit Network published in August reported that one in five non-profits may need to close by December. This two-part profile examines how five local non-profit organizations have fared since everything changed and how the community can provide much-needed support.

Places for People

Fay Martin, vice president and chair of the property development committee at Places for People, said the non-profit charitable organization has drawn on a culture of courage to meet pandemic challenges. "When we started there had been no affordable housing here for 30 years – we did it, again and again and again. Our history of just being crazy brave has stood us in good stead... we've always had a philosophy to make this work."

The charity's mission is to create affordable rental housing in the county and since 2007 has acquired five properties with a total of seven units. Martin said the agency is currently shifting its focus "to meeting the more crucial identified need – the one- to two-person households, which doesn't go very well against the existing housing stock." They are currently looking for property in Minden or Haliburton to build a multiplex unit for one- to two-person families. In addition to the existing challenges of zoning and wastewater management requirements, the COVID-19 crisis has brought escalating real estate prices and limited inventory as rural living becomes increasingly desirable.

"We are competing with people with deep pockets who are interested in housing perhaps not as a necessity of life but as a way to improve their wealth," said Martin. "Everyone wants a little piece of green heaven ... the need for affordable housing is greater than ever and harder than ever."

Although uncertainty exists, there have been surprises too: Highland Yard, their primary fundraiser, has made more money this year in a virtual format than in any previous year. Though only a small number of people registered, expenses were decreased and pledges were larger. "That was a very pleasant surprise," said Martin.

There are currently several volunteer opportunities available for those who want to make housing happen, including opportunities in marketing, finance, engineering, and DIY construction. Direct donations are also welcome, with 95 per cent of donations going to new housing.

"Eventually there will be an opportunity to invest through community bonds where you can invest in our community at a reasonable rate ... and feel good about making your community a better place to live for people who need affordable housing," said Martin.

Martin said although the pandemic has posed challenges to the agency in finding their next property, they have confidence that they will be able to achieve their strategic vision of 40 housing units in the next 10 years. "I think we are the epitome of rural communities ... which is just roll up our sleeves and make it happen – that's what we've done and what we continue to do and I hope we stand as a model for anyone else who wants to do the same thing. I'm really proud of Places for People because I think it continues to do that."

SIRCH Community Services

SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson said that when Ontario started shutting down in March, the non-profit charitable organization initially had to close both thrift stores, and most programs went on hold except for their free Community Kitchen prepared meals.

The agency worked quickly to adapt its services to increased community need, utilizing a grant to put freezers in residential units and organizations where people had difficulty accessing food. The number of take-out meals distributed increased drastically from about 300 meals per month to 500 per week, eventually scaling back due to sustainability challenges.

With the Repair Cafes cancelled, they shifted to the Caring Connection project, where community members could donate used electronic devices to individuals and



Barb Fraser, Judy Paul, Marla Force, Pat Bradley and Fay Martin walk the 10K Highland Yard 'race' which went virtual this year, via the Rail Trail. The Highland Yard, a fundraiser for Places for People, made more money this year in its virtual form than in previous years. This was in part due to fewer expenses, and also because of larger donations. /Submitted

families.

SIRCH also took on the City of Kawartha Lakes' Community Action Program for Children and Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CAPC/CPNP) services as of April 1. "It's difficult to do when all clients are at home, and we don't know the community as well," said Robertson.

Robertson felt they were uniquely poised to adapt their services to the changes. "I think everyone is willing to pivot quickly and look for ways to do things and do them better. Partly because it's our mandate and it's what we do ... we pivot pretty regularly."

Although they adapted quickly, the agency still had to lay off staff, discontinue face-to-face connections, make significant changes to the School's Cool program and support clients virtually or by porch drop offs. It has also become more difficult to hire qualified staff for certain positions.

SIRCH is also trying to grow its social enterprises and were awarded with an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grant to create sustainable employment last spring. They renovated the old Shopper's Drug Mart space into a training centre/commercial kitchen with practice bistro marketplace. "We're happy to have lots of partnerships with artists and entrepreneurs in the community who could showcase here, and that way our clients in retail and the bistro will get practice," said Robertson.

SIRCH's programs have started up again with COVID-19 protocols in place, and Lunch is On Us has just resumed in the new space. In November, SIRCH will be starting the Gifts from the Heart Campaign where people can donate online, by phone or by mail. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

"I think the thing that people don't know is that our only program that has stable government funding is CAPC/CPNP," said Robertson. "Everything else depends on grants, social enterprise, or fundraising. People automatically assume that if you are a non-profit you get government funding, and that's just not the case. We do the work we do through dozens and dozens of partnerships and the generosity of grantors and donors whether they're donating stuff, or money to our cause – that's what lets us do what we do."

Community Living Trent Highlands

Community Living Trent Highlands is a charitable non-profit organization that provides a range of services to people living with a developmental disability and their families in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton County, and Peterborough and area. Executive director Teresa Jordan said there have been significant changes to the structure of its services since March. "Our primary mandate of being connected in the community and living life to the fullest has been completely flipped on its head," said Jordan.

For the first time in its history, the charity's services were relegated to the group living home. Their community participation programs were put on hold and staff were re-deployed to residential settings.

"It's been a real blow to families living with a child or adult child with a developmental disability because they are used to our agency and other private workers connecting with their family and helping them have meaningful days with their loved ones. We have certainly not been able to do that except by phone or we have offered a



A SIRCH volunteer packs frozen meals to go to another organization. Community Kitchen was one of the only programs SIRCH was able to continue when the pandemic first hit. Today, its programs have started up again including a new bistro and marketplace in Haliburton. /Submitted

few virtual opportunities for recreation and connection. It's been a stark shift from how we usually define ourselves."

Jordan said she was pleased to see how quickly staff pivoted to develop new virtual programming such as crafts, scavenger hunts, and virtual bingo, laughing yoga and concerts.

The development of a new app called Respite Now has been instrumental in connecting people and families to respite care providers in the four counties. "People are signing up and making good connections that have really made a difference, when we're not really able to reach out, the same way," said Jordan.

Community Living receives funding from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, but as a charitable organization, it relies heavily on a few community groups that usually run annual fundraisers. There has been a decrease in these events and in direct donations.

The agency is now working to start re-opening some of its community participation programs. Volunteer opportunities are available, and the office on Victoria Street in Haliburton welcomes cloth mask donations from the public.

Jordan noted that people can support each other directly by keeping connected, and that during times when marginalized groups are particularly vulnerable, we must remember to hold space for understanding lived experience. "If enough people do that, then slowly the thinking of our community changes just that little bit to say, everyone really does belong, and everyone has something to contribute."



A welcome sight

Members of the Rotary Club of Haliburton were given a tour of the welcome centre under construction at Head Lake Park on Nov. 14. Construction is on schedule in part helped by the warmer autumn temperatures and by the purchase of materials long before they were needed, avoiding pandemic-related supply chain challenges. Rotarians in attendance credited club president Ted Brandon for being the project's booster for the past two years. The build is being regarded as a community effort, including \$75,000 through the Rotary Club and the expertise of local trades companies, which are constructing the centre. The federal government's Canadian Experience Fund is also making this build possible. The welcome centre will have a main area, seven bathrooms (two accessible), a kitchenette, storage area and office space./DARREN LUM Staff



Ninety per cent of the Welcome Centre's roof has been completed as of Saturday, Nov. 14. Much of the build left to finish can now be performed under the shelter of the roof.



The construction of the Haliburton Welcome Centre and washrooms located at Head Lake Park continues. As of Saturday, Nov. 14, the roof was nearly completed, windows and doors will be added and the interior wall framing was still needed to be done. The building measures 1,068 square feet, and is 1,635 square feet including the covered walkway./DARREN LUM Staff

Local company raises the roof in support of community

When Cory and Melissa Valentini got their roofing business ramped up for the summer season, they wanted to take their success and turn it into success for the whole community.

The owner/operators of Up Right Roofing, the Valentinis knew it had been a tough year for so many, including local organizations who rely on donations.

"We wanted to do something, in an ongoing fashion, to help the many people that were still struggling in our community," they said. "We committed to donate \$300 from every job we completed in the 2020 roofing season. We expected to complete 30 roofing projects and we are very happy to have completed 34 roofing projects allowing us to donate a total of \$10,200."

The donation of \$10,200 was split between SIRCH Community Services, YWCA Peterborough Haliburton and Point in Time Centre for Children and Youth, each receiving \$3,400.

The organizations were delighted upon hearing they would be the recipients of such a generous local initiative.

"Point in Time was thrilled to learn of the generous proposal of making significant donations to SIRCH, YWCA and Point in Time," said Point in Time executive director Marg Cox. "During the pandemic we are seeing increased needs –

economic hardship, increased stress on families, and worry. All have resulted in a myriad of timely and responsive supports from food security, clothing, transportation, and a broad range of supports to support mental health and wellness. This has allowed us to augment our government funding with more flexible funding to fund some of these activities, which are not fully funded or considered government allowable expenses."

SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson shared similar sentiments about receiving such a generous donation.

"We were honoured to be chosen as one of the donees by Up Right Roofing, and extend that gratitude to everyone who chose them to do their roof. It's such a great idea to build a donation into your revenue model," said Robertson.

SIRCH plans to use the donation towards the healthy free meals that are distributed throughout the community. The meals, said Robertson, help with food security and reducing social isolation.

YWCA Peterborough Haliburton was also ecstatic, saying the corporate donation could not have come at a better time for the organization. Women's organizations around the world have reported that they have seen their needs as much as triple during the pandemic, according to the YWCA.

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— Marg Cox

"For women trapped in abusive situations, the COVID-19 crisis has dramatically increased their risk of harm, and even death," wrote Ria Nicholson, YWCA's major gift officer. "Recent trends in the county, with more cottagers opting to stay in the area, have resulted in an increase in calls to our Haliburton County services for information, support, and safety planning. We expect this to continue as the reports of abuse are more serious and complex given the heightened stressors brought on by the pandemic."

The YWCA plans to use the funds to "meet the growing need for safety, resources and support for women and their children escaping violence, specifi-

cally in Haliburton County."

The Valentinis chose organizations that help vulnerable individuals and those at higher risk, knowing that the pandemic has made it more challenging for those already facing difficult situations.

Up Right Roofing started its business in Haliburton in May 2019 and serves the county and surrounding areas with a full-service approach.

"We are happy to be a contributing part of the business community and deepen our roots in this community with our locally owned and operated roofing business," said the Valentinis.

This donation is just another example of the overwhelming generosity and kindness this community has shown, echoed all three organizations.

"Up Right Roofing is a prime example of reaching out to support others," said Marg Cox. "We have had donations of wild meat, offers of people willing to volunteer, organizations working more closely than ever together to help respond to community needs, staff digging deeper than ever to flex their hours around client needs, making sure there is no stone unturned if at all possible in helping people."

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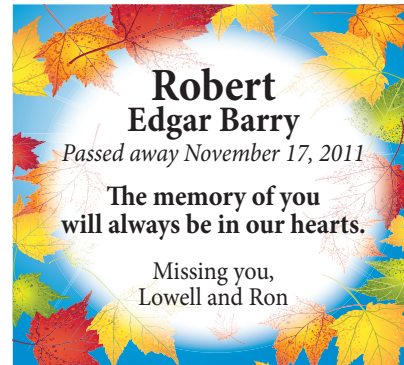
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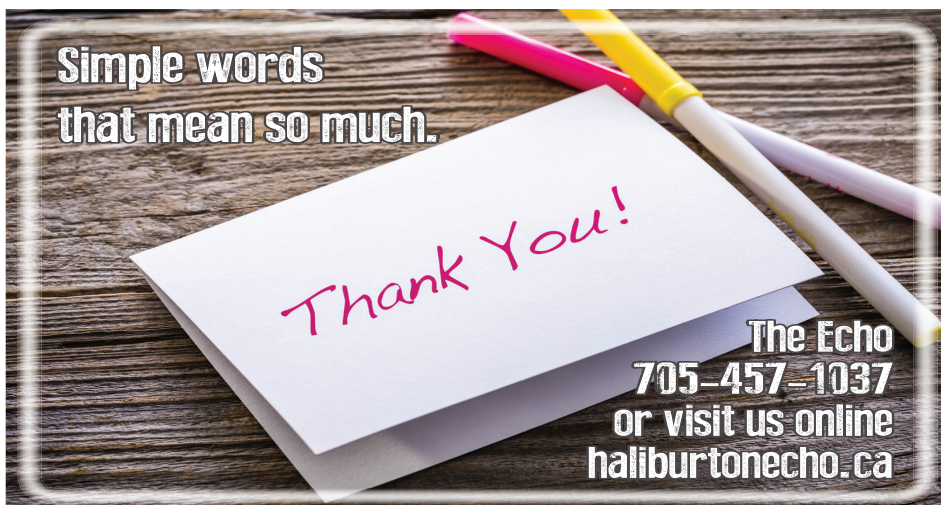
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Beloved husband of Barbara for over 57 devoted years. Adored father of Debbie (Jim) and Timothy (Karen). Cherished Popy of Trevor and Samantha.

Bev will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all his family and dear friends. His smile, his jokes, his sayings and his stories of a life well lived will always be treasured by those who knew him. Leafs Nation have truly lost a devoted and stubborn fan.

In keeping with Bev's wishes, cremation has taken place. If desired, Memorial donations to a charity of your choice will be much appreciated.

**Brooke Marlene Marie Mullan**
(Resident of Gooderham)

Tragically, on Thursday, October 15, 2020 in her 12th year. Beloved Daughter of Linsey Mullan (Trotter) & Ian Brown and Steven Mullan & Amanda Flook. Adoring sister to Chase and Liam. Cherished Granddaughter of Alfred & Joan Trotter, Raymond Brown & Donna Boudreau, Ken & Patricia Roberson, Carl & Louise Walma, Thomas & Jocelyn Mullan, and Joy Flook. Great Granddaughter to Taeda Walma. Lovingly remembered by her Aunts – Lacey & Lesley Trotter, Ruth Anne Mullan, Caroline Harrison, and her Uncles – Paul Mullan (Wendie), Tim Mullan, Chad Laws (Amber Wemp), Mike Walma (Tasha), and her many other Great Aunts & Uncles, cousins, and extended family. Devoted and loyal best friend to Ivy and Hayden. Godmother of Browning (a playful chocolate lab). Brooke loved to swim and skate and she was a brilliant and determined student. She loved school and her attendance was impeccable. She brought warmth to the world around her and was the kind of child who made everyone feel important and never let any of her peers feel left out or like they didn't belong. She was a positive role model, and she was always complimented for being polite and well mannered. She approached everyone she met with a kind and tender heart and the most wonderful of intentions. She will be loved and missed by all who were blessed to know her, shared in her presence, and had her light up their lives.

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Funeral Arrangements are incomplete at this time. We invite you to check back with us at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the family would be graciously appreciated by either E-Transfers to trotterbrownfund@gmail.com or a donation to the Kawartha Credit Union Account #556321141639. The family wish to thank the many people that have so graciously given. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0, 705.457.9209.

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**W. Bernice Rogers**

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Bernice was born at her grandfather's home in Boskung Ontario to parents Muriel and Alex Hewitt. She grew up in the village of Carnarvon Ontario where the family cottage is still located. She loved to spend several months there every summer. She and Tom Rogers, also from Carnarvon, married in 1947 and moved to Sarnia where Bernice lived for 73 years except for 2 years in Toronto and 4 years in Calgary when Tom was transferred with Imperial Oil.

Bernice made friends wherever she was. She sang in choirs at St Paul's United and Grace United Church in Sarnia and St. Andrews United Church in Calgary. She was a Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, and active in the UCW. She was a member of Lt. J.D. Wright IODE chapter in Sarnia from the 1950's until it disbanded in 2002 and a charter member of the Sarcee IODE Chapter in Calgary.

Outgoing and adventurous, Bernice loved to laugh, sing and travel. Everyone was welcome at her table for delicious meals and the best pies. She was a good listener and a mentor to many. You knew where you stood with her. She was our family's "Maxine".

In 1977, at the age of 50, Bernice graduated from Lambton College with her RN diploma. She has maintained her friendship with many of her co-workers who always called her "Mother". She worked in CCU at the Sarnia General Hospital until her retirement in 1992.

After Tom's death in 1992, Bernice remarried in 1994 to Clint Sykes. The adventures continued as they travelled to Europe, the British Isles, Aruba and spent summers at the cottage.

Bernice is survived by her husband Clint, her children, Carol (Brent Waddell), Steve (Donna), daughter-in-law, Laura; her grandchildren, Graham (Janis), Lia (Trevor Textor), David (Keara) Waddell, Matthew (Christie), Jason and Kevin; and her great-grandchildren, Taylor, Lucas, Cameron, William, Josie, Hannah, Quinn, and Rory.

Clint's sons, Rod (Marilyn) and Andy (Marielle), his grandchildren, Rory (Kelly), Susie (Darcy), Scott (Kristen), Lisa (Ben Gooch), and his great grandchildren, Sammy, Josie, Sophie, Anna, Peter and Penny were dear to her. She is also survived by her brother Wilf (Carol) Hewitt, her aunt Phyllis (Sue) Cranley, nieces, nephews and many cousins.

Bernice was predeceased by her parents, her husband Tom (1992) and her son Michael (2015).

Bernice was at Afton Park Place for the last 4 months of her life. We wish to thank the staff there for the kindness, care and attention they showed to Mum during that time.

A private family service will be held with a later public service when circumstances permit. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice (cheques only at the funeral home please). Arrangements entrusted to SMITH FUNERAL HOME, 1576 London Line, Sarnia. Memories and condolences may be sent online at www.smithfuneralhome.ca





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Thriller

Mark Arike, left, and Amelia Edmunds act out a scene from the *Thriller* music video by Michael Jackson in front of the Village Barn on Oct. 31. The performance was part of a flash mob dance, organized by Heritage Ballet and featuring more than 20 local dancers of all ages. Angelica Blenich Echo staff

Streetscape progress a practice in patience

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

With almost a month of construction work over, plans for the Highland Streetscape project are moving along, albeit with a few learning experiences along the way.

Brian Nicholson, director of public works for the municipality of Dysart, gave members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce an update on the streetscape project at the organization's monthly breakfast, held on Nov. 3 at Sir Sam's Inn.

The project has been in the works for a number of years starting with a vision that was shared by members of council and the business association back in 2005, said Nicholson.

"It was about trying to promote beautification of the downtown area," he said.

In March, 2009, a consulting engineering firm completed a streetscape master plan that included both Highland and York streets. The plan was then used to apply for a \$2.8 million government grant.

The application was denied, said Nicholson.

"Some things move slowly," he said.

The municipality decided to re-apply for a grant that would encompass the York Street and cenotaph component of the master plan, which was approved.

Construction began in September, 2010, and was scheduled to be completed March, 2011.

"We finished the cenotaph at 9 a.m. on Nov. 11," laughed Nicholson. "That was a tense morning."

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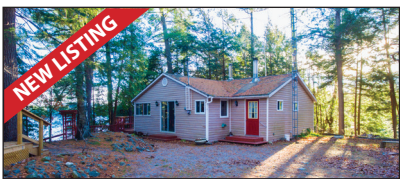


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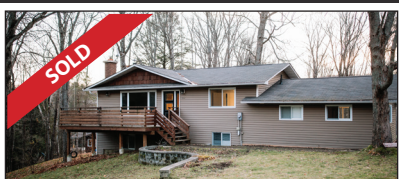
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HALIBURTON LAKE \$735,000



It's the perfect retreat! Traditional 2-bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Large lakefront deck. Stone, wood burning fireplace. Single dry boathouse with wraparound deck. 1 bunkie providing enough space for the whole family. This complete package sleeps 10 people comfortably. This property checks off all the boxes.

RIVERSIDE DRIVE \$499,000



A great family home, in a wonderful neighbourhood. This home is clean, tastefully decorated and features 3+1 bdrm's, 3 baths. Beautiful stone fireplace with wood stove insert, updated kitchen and appliances, and breakfast nook. Fantastic large yard for kids to play. Convenience of in town living, but your surroundings feel much more private and allow you to enjoy nature. New septic being installed.

MARCUS BEACH \$75,000



Fully furnished 3 bdrm, 2 bath fractional ownership offers the experience of stress free "lake life" 5 weeks/yr. Bright, open concept living. Maintenance fee includes the maintenance of the grounds & cottage, taxes, cottage cleaning, electricity and so much more. Included on the property for your use; playground, volleyball, tennis court, fire pits, trails and gear for water activities. 2021 weeks and additional information available.

WILLIAMS LANDING \$59,900



Fractional ownership is stress free! Own this fully furnished 3-bdrm, 2 bath cottage with 9 others. Bright open concept living, pine flooring and propane fireplace. Williams Landing offers 4 shared docks, sand beaches, stunning hiking trails and more. Annual maintenance fee includes everything from cottage and yard maintenance, electricity, cottage cleaning, internet, phone and more. Enjoy Kashagawigamog Lake 5 weeks of the year.

COMMERCIAL - THE LAKE VIEW MOTEL \$1,950,000



One of Haliburton's most popular Motels. The Lakeview Motel offers 14 motel rms and personal living quarters. Immaculate grounds and very well maintained buildings. Turnkey operation. Lovely inground pool, 4 hot tubs, horseshoe pit, dining room, BBQ's and much more offered to guests. Personal living quarters with 3 bdrms, 2 baths, 2 living rms and kitchen/dining area. Huge potential to expand on this 3.78-acre parcel.



VACANT LOTS



Kennisis River
\$429,000 30+AC



West Lake
\$339,900 1AC



Harburn Road
\$179,000 53AC



30th Line
\$69,900 4.99AC



Salerno Lake Road
\$53,900 1.05AC